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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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2 January 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, CIA Historical Staff

SUBJECT: The CIA Historical Program

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum Dated 12 December 1969
on the Same Subject

I find the statement attached to the referent memorandum to be a good paper but I must take exception to that part of the second sentence in the top paragraph of page 2 which reads as follows: "The Chief and Deputy Chief have direct access to the records of the directorates essential to the writing of overall and directorate history". I believe that the exception I am taking to the quoted statement, even as later amended by you in your conversation with Mr. Hugh Cunningham, may also be shared by the Science and Technology Directorate. I cannot in good conscience permit direct access to the "records" of this Directorate because some of these records could not be made available even though they may have been consulted or screened by the writers. Therefore, I suggest that the part of the sentence in question be rephrased to reflect that in exceptional cases the Chief of the CIA Historical Staff could address himself to the Deputy Director concerned for permission to see specific directorate records.


Thomas H. Karamessines
Deputy Director for Plans

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